

DREDD'S DARK DOMAIN

PROG 484
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EVERY
MONDAY

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FEATURING JUDGE DREDD

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26p
EARTH
MONEY



NERVE CENTRE

BORAG THUNGG, EARTHLETS,

"Tell us, O Mighty One," I hear you cry, "what is the origin of your zarjaz *Metalzoic* saga, of which we saw the opening episode last prog, and which continues this week on the page opposite? How," you go on, "did it come about? And why does it bear the name of a New York comics company called DC? Has 2000 AD," you wind up anxiously, "been taken over in a fiendish transatlantic publishing revolution?" Relax, Earthlets, my cosmic comic is still my own. As for the origins of *Metalzoic*, the droids who created it—Pat Mills and Kevin O'Neill—came to me some time ago. America, they said, was big, but short on thrill-power; the States might be united, they explained, but they are not excited...and could I therefore see my way clear to allowing a U.S. company to publish a thrill-powered tale, thus showing the American people what they've been missing? I couldn't refuse such a request, Terrans; and I didn't. However, it seemed wrong to deprive the Squaxx dek Thargo of this thrill-feast, which is why I came to an arrangement with DC Comics about printing it in 2000 AD. That, in a nutshell, is the story behind the story...now read on!

SPLUNDIG VUR THRIGG!

THARG

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DARK
SECRET
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Drawn by Earthlet Dan Abbott,
Rushden. £10 Winner.

SHABBY SHIPPING SHOCK

Tharg!

We Earthlets across the Atlantic are suffering from a lack of thrill-power. Original progs are not to be found at all. Due to irregularities in shipping, American Squaxx dek Thargo often—gaspl—miss a few progs here and there. O Tharg the Benevolent, why are subscriptions an impossibility?

From Earthlet Paul Lukacs, Cleveland, USA.
£5 Winner.

They're not. Indeed, a recent Nerve Centre printed the address of Forbidden Planet Mail Order for overseas subscriptions. However, just in case that prog didn't get through the wild mutielands of Ohio, I hereby offer you the address of another Terran company that provides the same service: World Wide Subscriptions Ltd., Rosehill, Ticehurst, East Sussex TN5 7AJ.

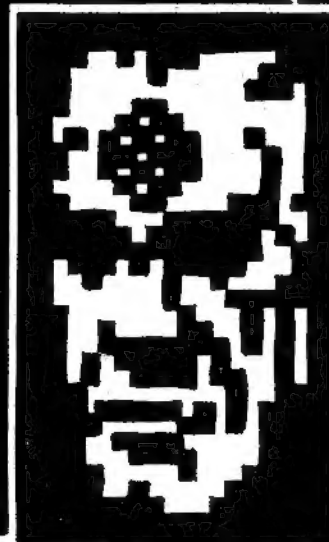
JUDGE PLOD

Dear Tharg,

I am writing to you about a certain story called "To Hell and Back" from the 1984 Judge Dredd Annual. In this story there's a picture of two Brit-Cit Judges, but we don't see all of them, only from the top of their shoulders. Could you possibly put a full-length picture of a Brit-Cit Judge in one of your 1987 Annuals?

From Earthlet Simon Cox, RAF Gütersloh.
£5 Winner.

First, the bad news: no new material can be put into my 1987 Judge Dredd and 2000 AD Annuals because they are going on sale any day now. Next, the good news: my 1987 Judge Dredd and 2000 AD Annuals are going on sale any day now. Finally, the zarjaz news: my new 4-part Judge Dredd story, "Atlantis", features a Brit-Cit Judge in action—and it starts next prog!



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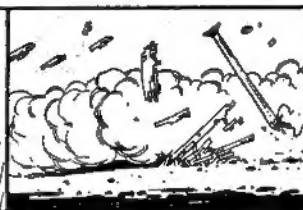
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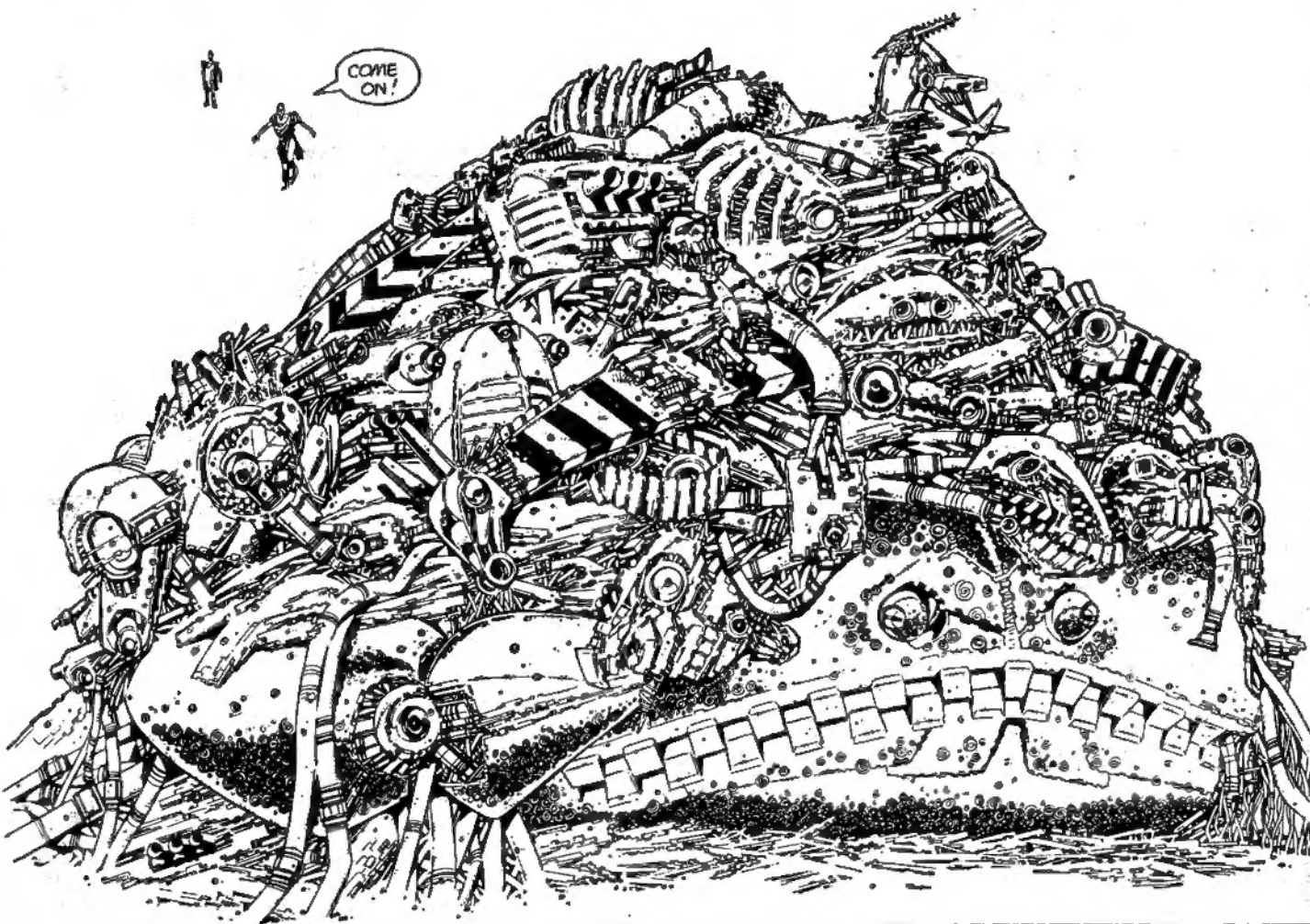
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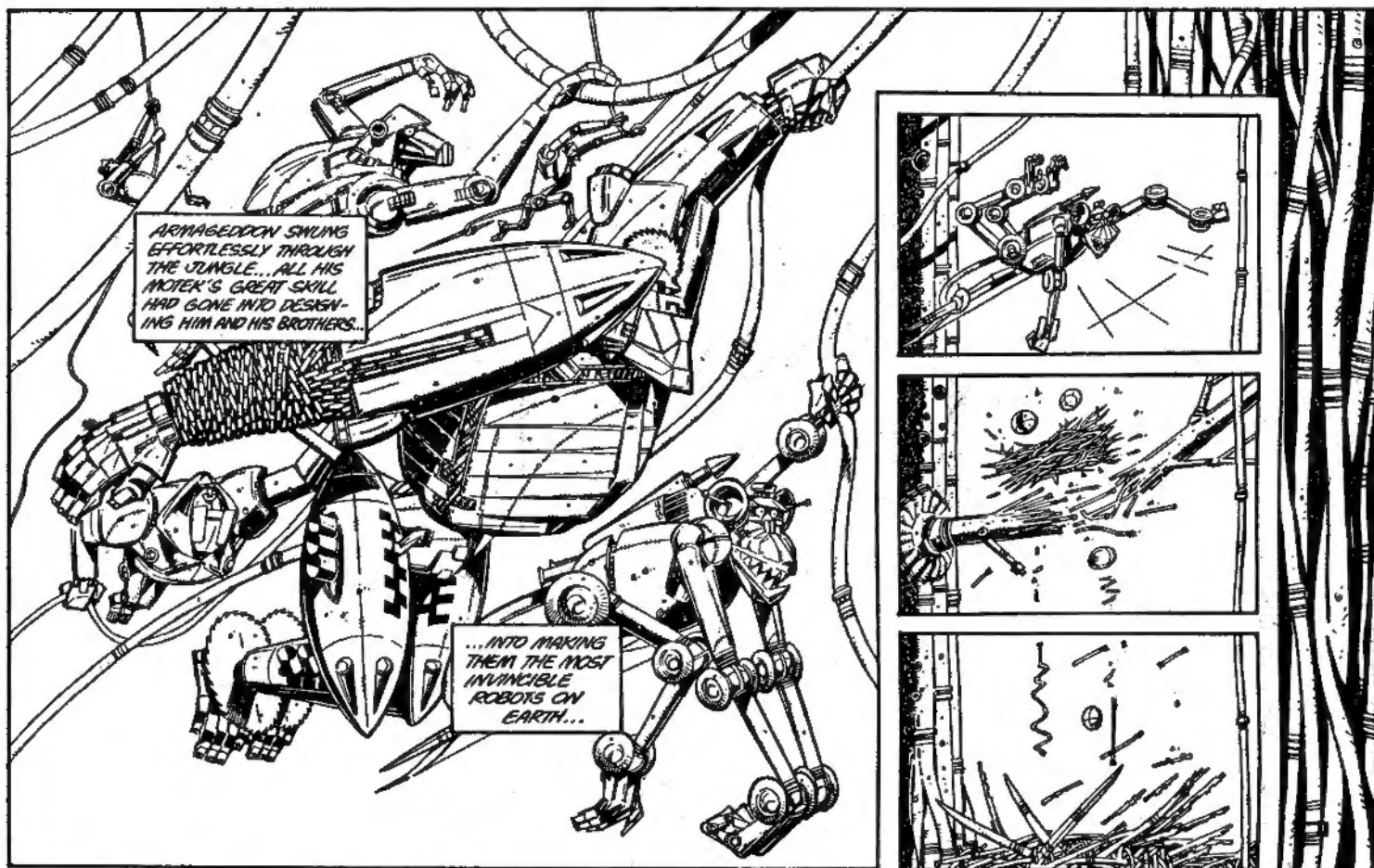


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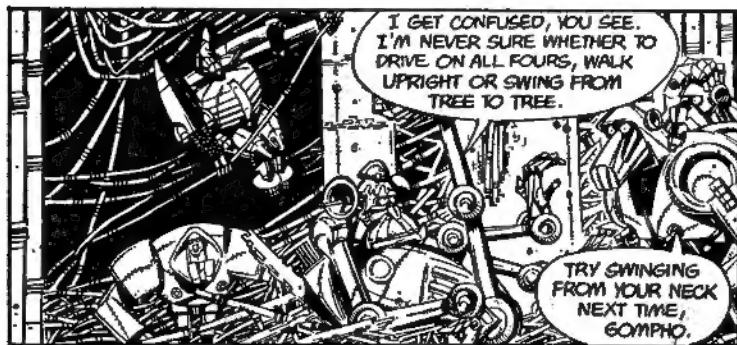
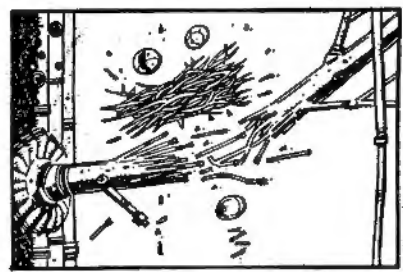
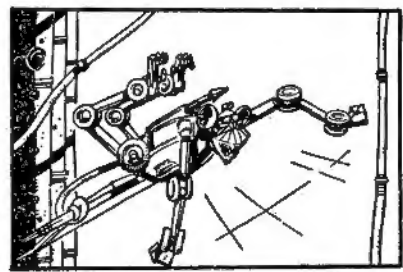






ARMAGEDDON SWINGS EFFORTLESSLY THROUGH THE JUNGLE... ALL HIS MOTOK'S GREAT SKILL HAD GONE INTO DESIGNING HIM AND HIS BROTHERS...

...INTO MAKING THEM THE MOST INVINCIBLE ROBOTS ON EARTH...

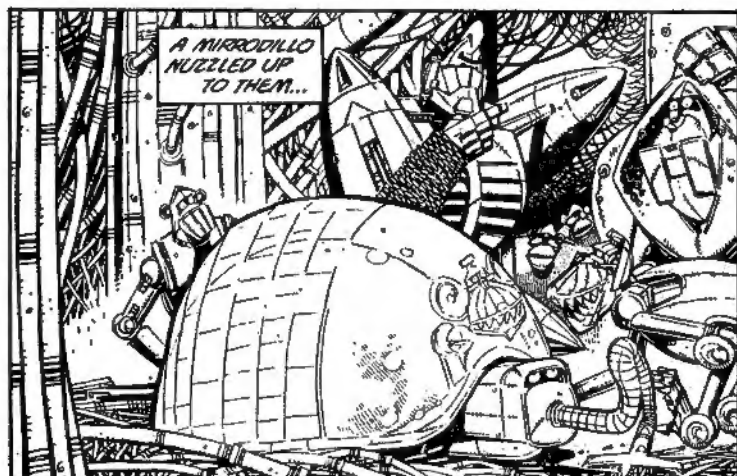


I GET CONFUSED, YOU SEE. I'M NEVER SURE WHETHER TO DRIVE ON ALL FOURS, WALK UPRIGHT OR SWING FROM TREE TO TREE.

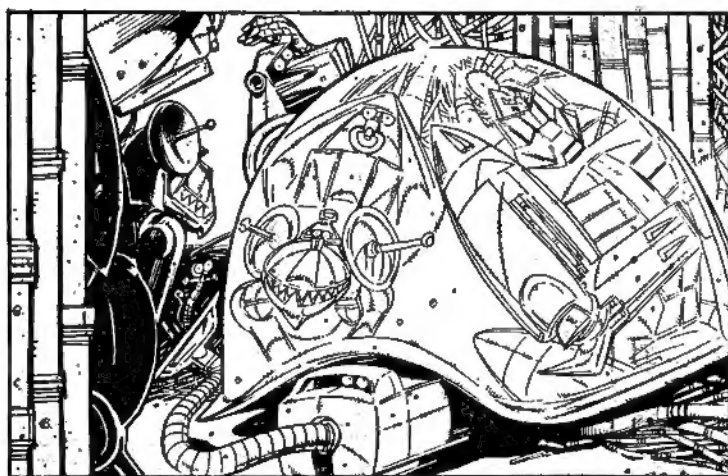
TRY SWINGING FROM YOUR NECK NEXT TIME, GOMPHO.



THANKS, MANDREL. I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.



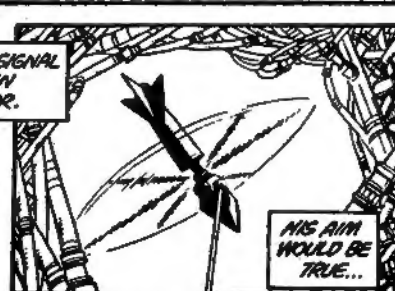
A MICRODILLO NUZZLED UP TO THEM...



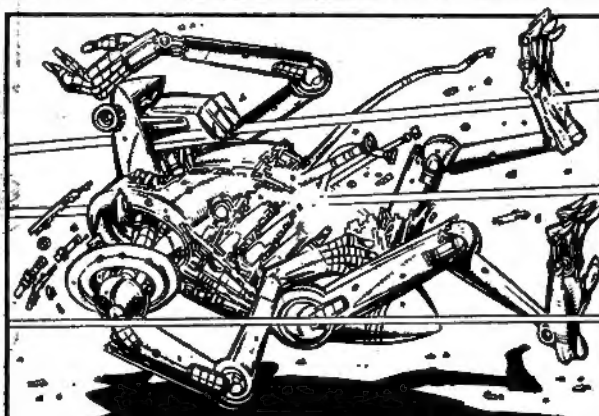
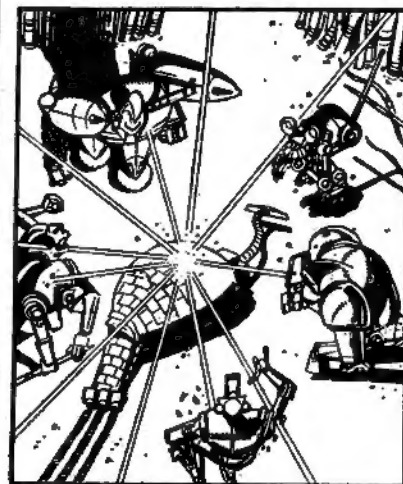


A HELICOPTER SAW THE
GLINT OF LIGHT IN THE
FOREST BELOW.

IT WAS THE SIGNAL
HE'D BEEN
WAITING FOR.



HIS AIM
WOULD BE
TRUE...



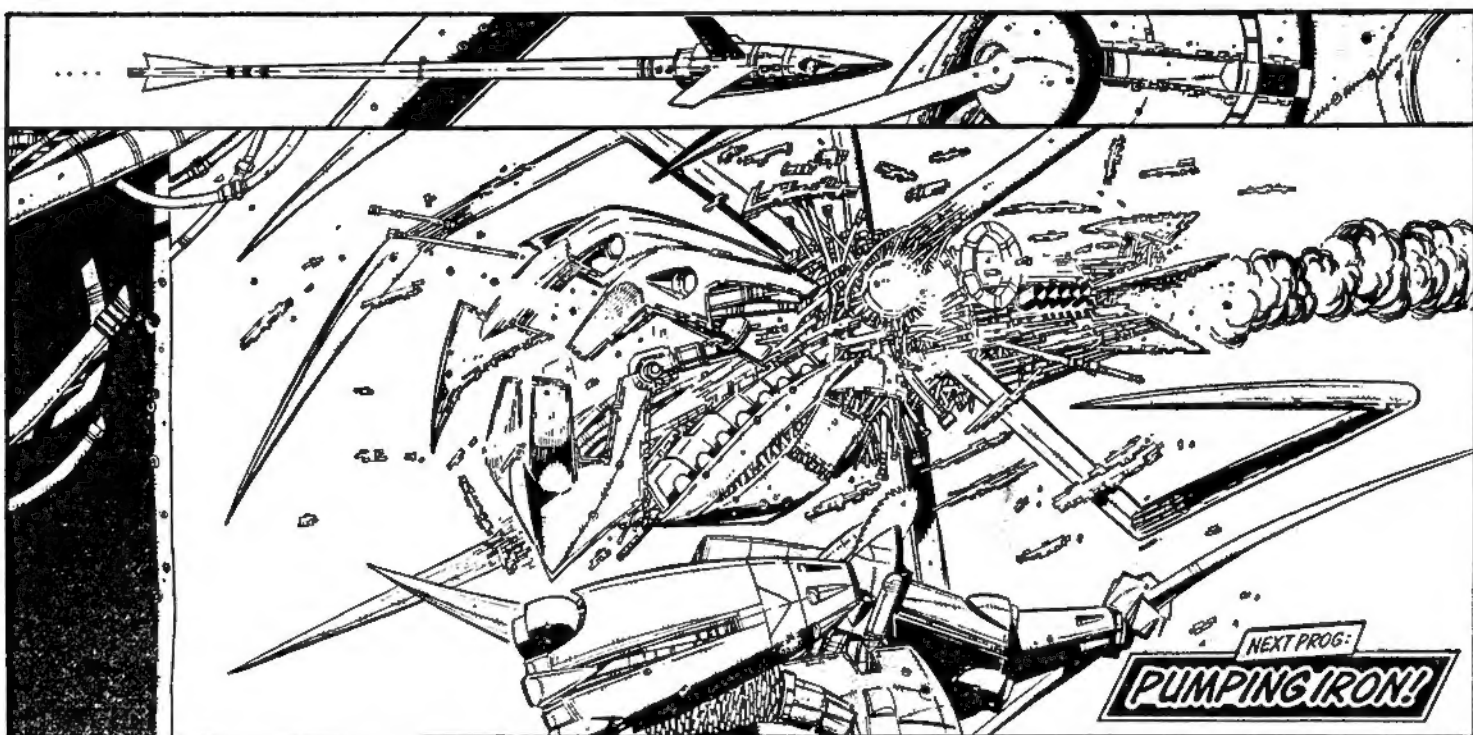
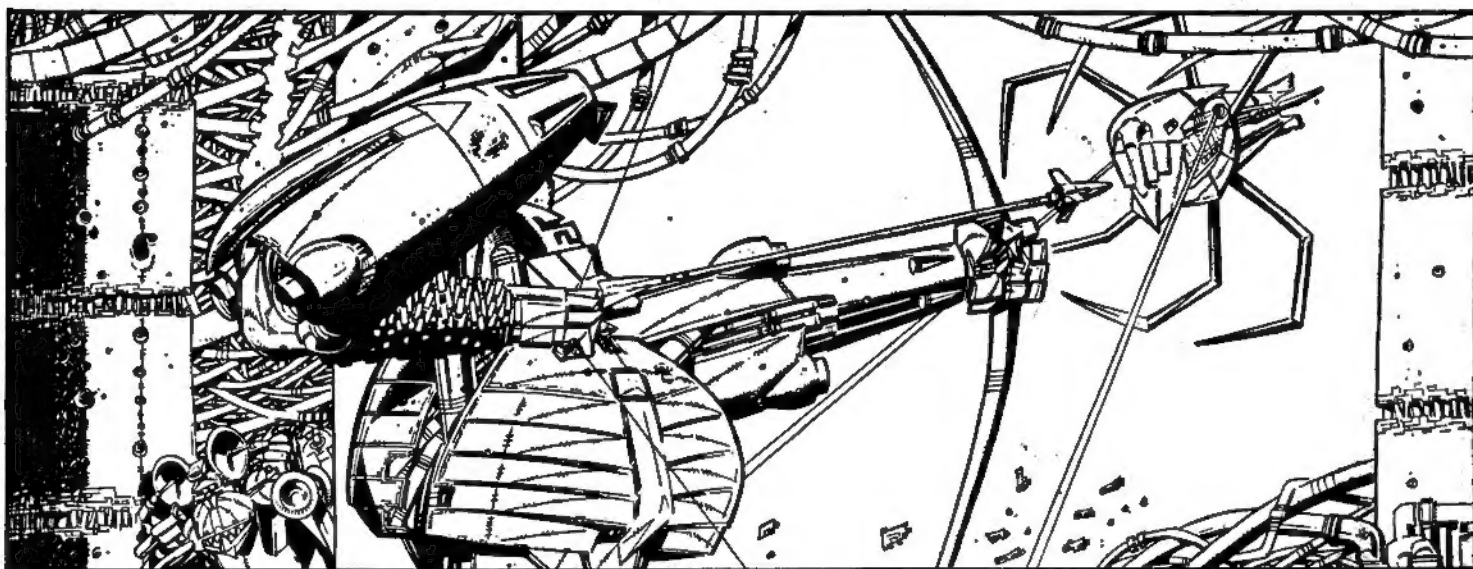
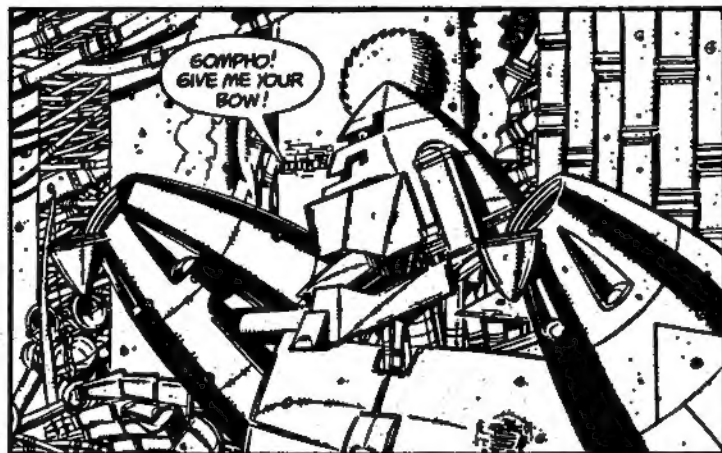
THE MIRRODILLO
BEGAN TO EAT
MANDREL...



...WHILE HIS PARTNER
SWOOPED DOWN TO
JOIN THE FEAST.



MY
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SHORTED
OUT...



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Strontium DOE

RAGE

RIDE HIM,
FESTER!

THE NIGHTLY CHUM-RACE HAS FAST BECOME A RITUAL THAT THE ALL-SEEING DENNIS FAILED TO FORESEE —

GET THE
LEAD OUT,
YA STINKIN'
NORM!

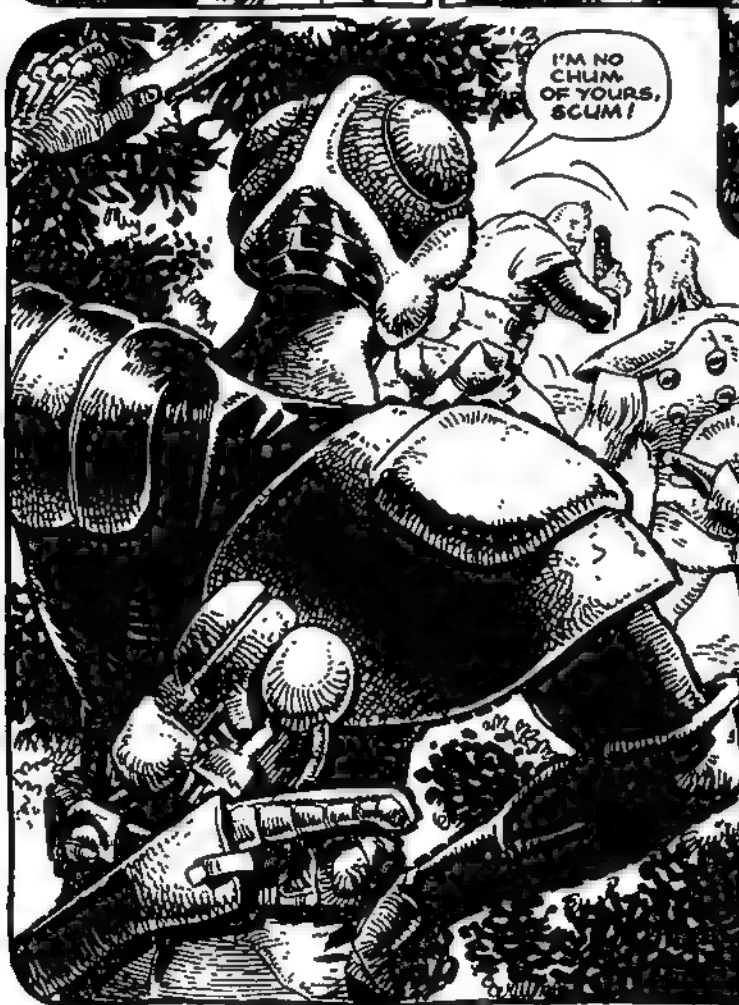
THREE TIMES ROUND THE REFECTORY
TABLE, THEN IT'S INTO THE HOME
STRAIGHT —

AND AS THEY RACE TOWARDS THE
LINE IT'S LESTER FESTER NECK
'N' NECK WITH NEV NO-NECK!
THIS LOOKS LIKE A REPEAT OF
LAST NIGHT'S PHOTO-FINISH!

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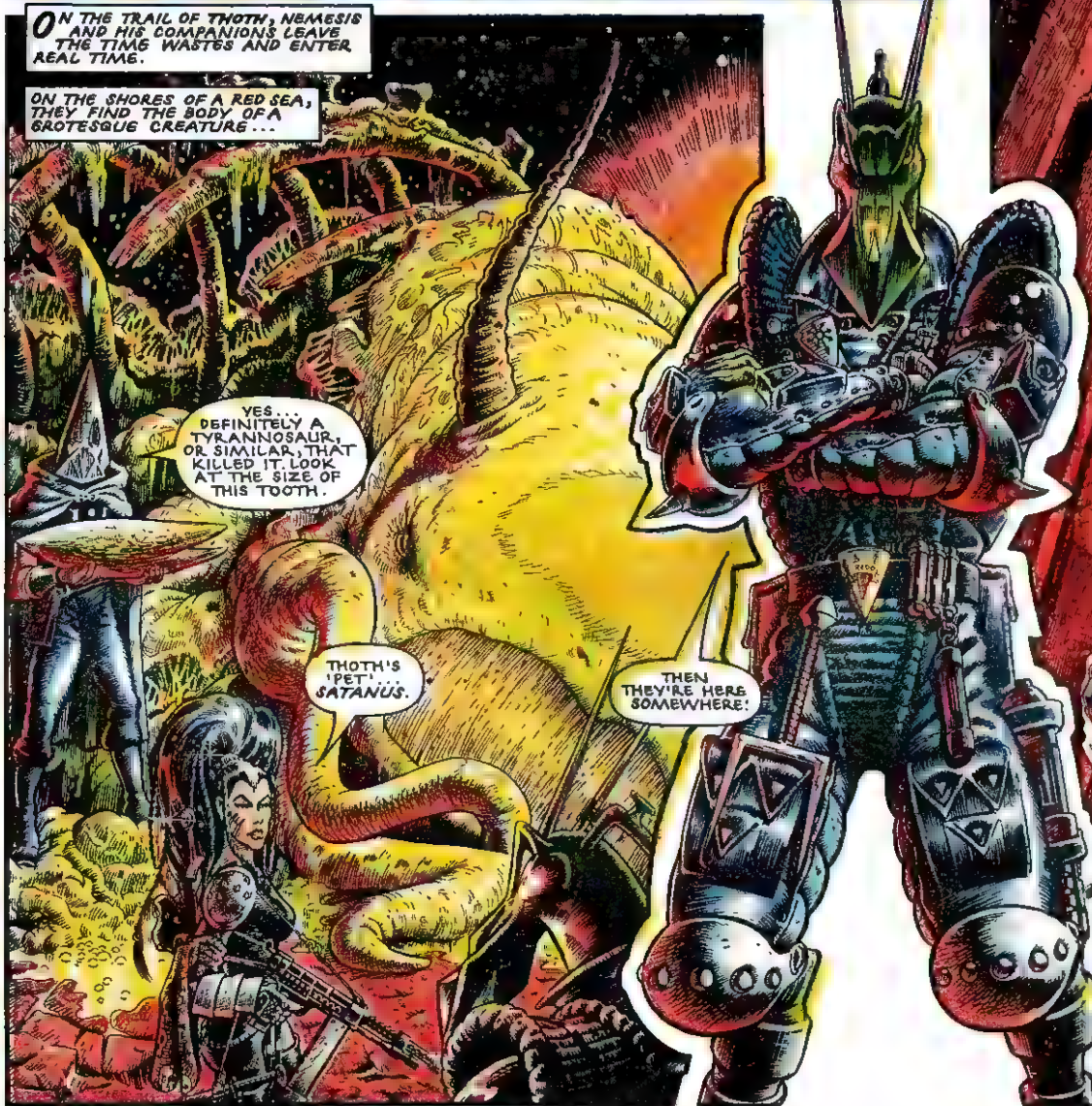
NEMESIS

THE WARLOCK

BOOK SIX

ON THE TRAIL OF THOTH, NEMESIS AND HIS COMPANIONS LEAVE THE TIME WASTES AND ENTER REAL TIME.

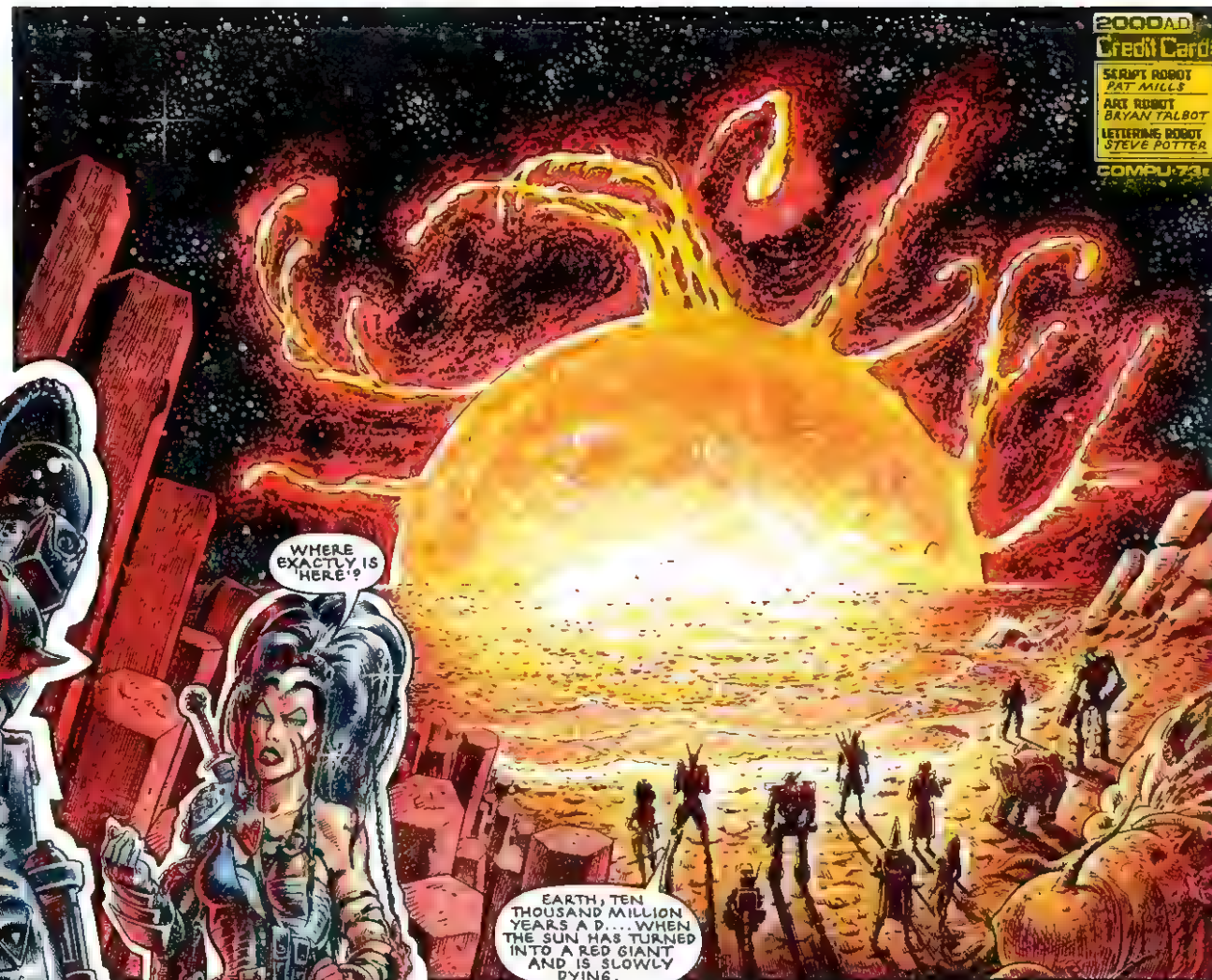
ON THE SHORES OF A RED SEA, THEY FIND THE BODY OF A GROTESQUE CREATURE...



YES... DEFINITELY A TYRANNOSAUR, OR SIMILAR, THAT KILLED IT. LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS TOOTH.

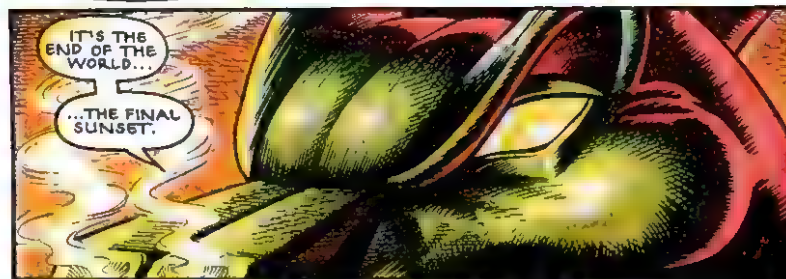
THOTH'S 'PET' SATANUS.

THEN THEY'RE HERE SOMEWHERE!



WHERE EXACTLY IS HERE?

EARTH, TEN THOUSAND MILLION YEARS A D... WHEN THE SUN HAS TURNED INTO A RED GIANT AND IS SLOWLY DYING.

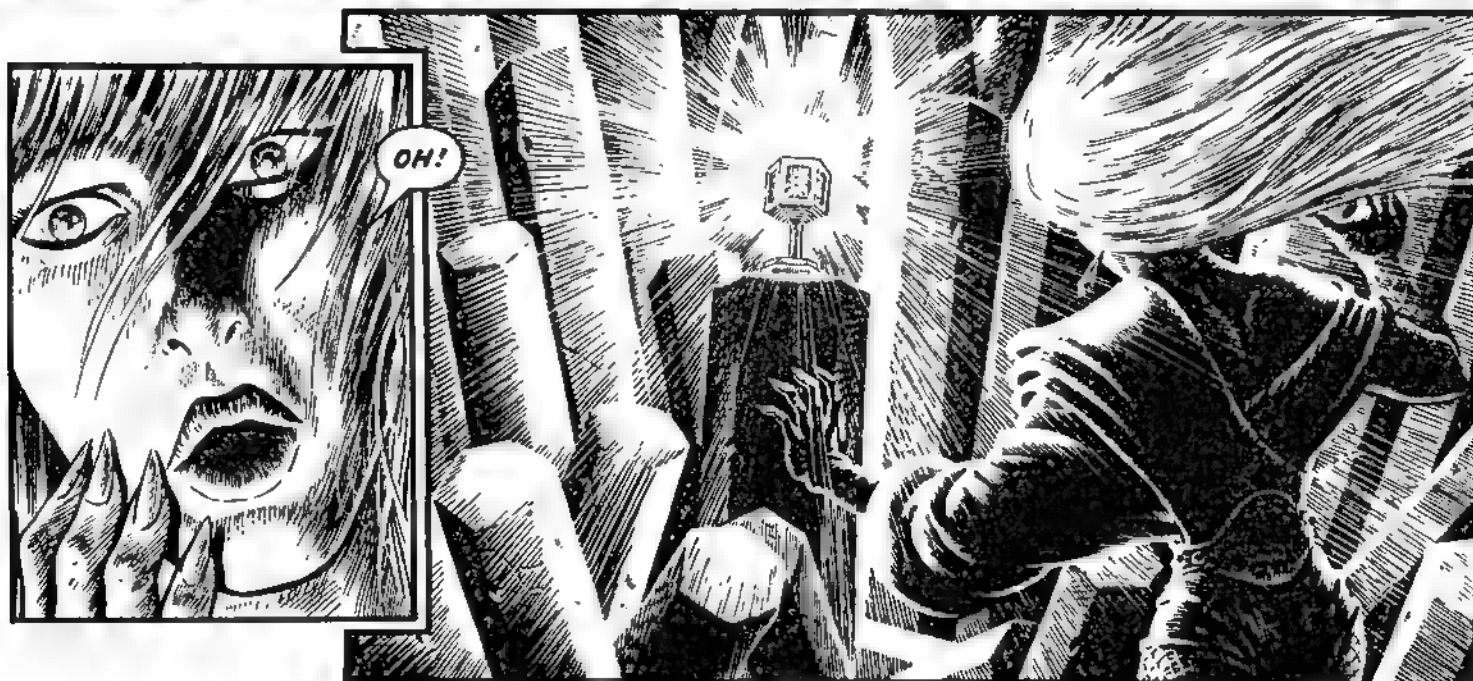
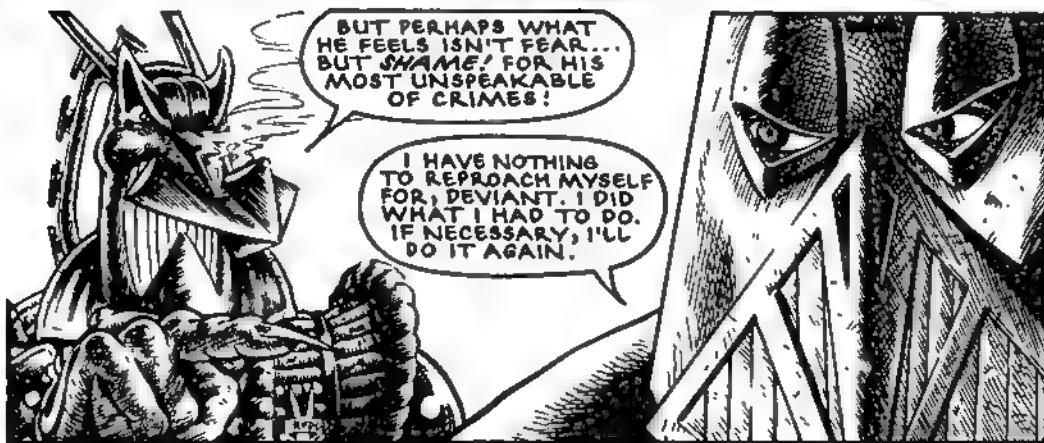


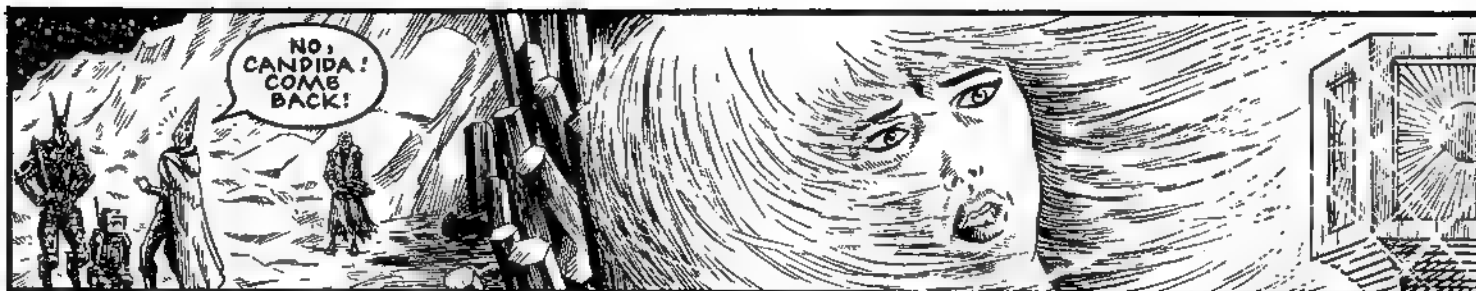
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD...

...THE FINAL SUNSET.

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PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER, CANDY! FIGHT
THIS WEAKNESS IN YOUR-
SELF! FIGHT IT! YOU ARE
A TORQUEMADA!



THE CUP...
IT'S FULL
OF...



BLOOD!

Next
Prog. THE PRIMORDS



"I'M A PROFESSIONAL. I PROVIDE QUARRY FOR HUNTERS TO KILL. THE MORE EXOTIC THE TROPHY, THE HIGHER THE FEE..."

THERE WE ARE, MR MAZOOMA. JUNGLE NINE, THE WILDEST OF THE WILD WORLDS.

"KILLING A PROTECTED LIFEFORM IS A CAPITAL OFFENCE, BUT THE CLIENT WAS TALKING BIG NUMBERS..."

I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY OUT THIS NEW SONGUN!



"...AND I NEEDED BIG NUMBERS TO BUY OFF THE DEBT HOUNDS."

ARE YOU SURE WE'LL FIND A GRIFFOG? I HEAR THEY'RE VERY RARE.



MISTER, BEELZEBUB TRUESHOT IS THE BEST THERE IS. I'LL FIND IT - ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BLAST IT.



"SOME PEOPLE THINK IT'S WRONG TO ARRANGE THE DESTRUCTION OF LIFE FOR SPORT..."

LET'S HUNT!

"...BUT IN A PREDATORY UNIVERSE IT'S NATURAL..."



HOW FAR...?

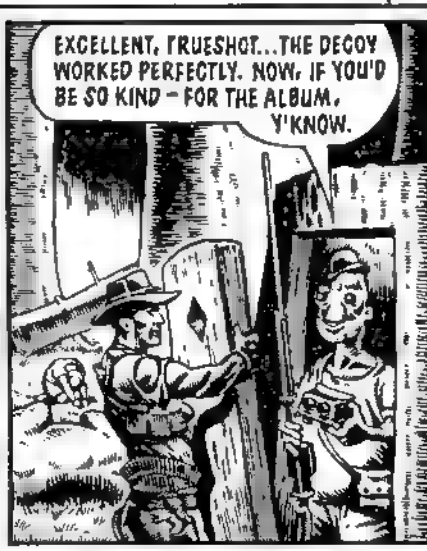
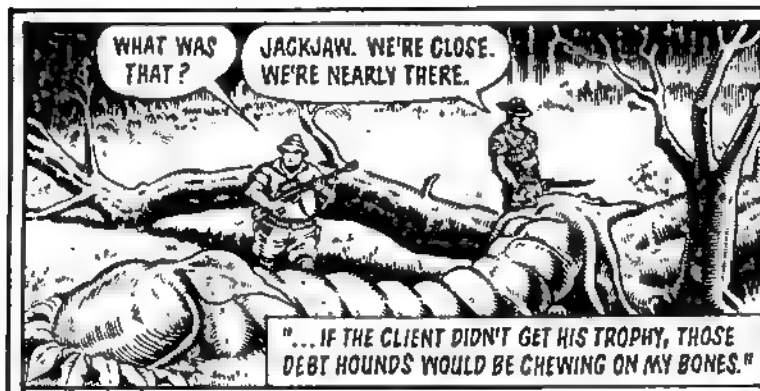
LOOK OUT!

"CITY SLUGS WERE A LIABILITY ON THE WILD WORLDS, BUT I COULDN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THIS ONE..."

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BLOOD SPORT!



THE FISTS OF STAN LEE.



FOR WEEKS A FEUD HAS BEEN SIMMERING IN SECTOR 159 CLUBLAND. TONIGHT IT WILL BE SETTLED...IN BLOOD.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO DIE, SWEDE!

WELL, WELL - WHAT WE GOT HERE? THE YELLOW PERIL, UH? WE'RE GONNA SEND YOU BACK TO THE FUNGS IN A BOX, SLANT -

TAKE HIM, BOYS!

AAGH!

UUHNN!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU MUNCEHEADS? PERFORATE HIM!

URRGH!

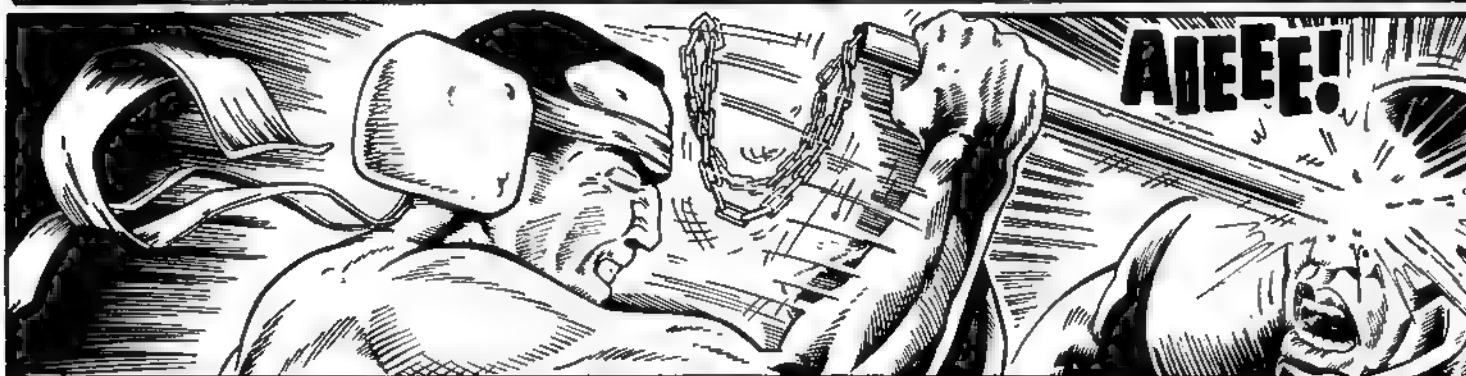
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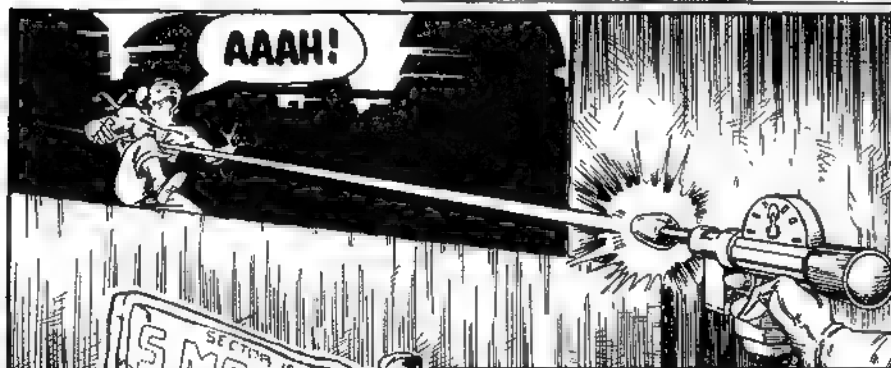
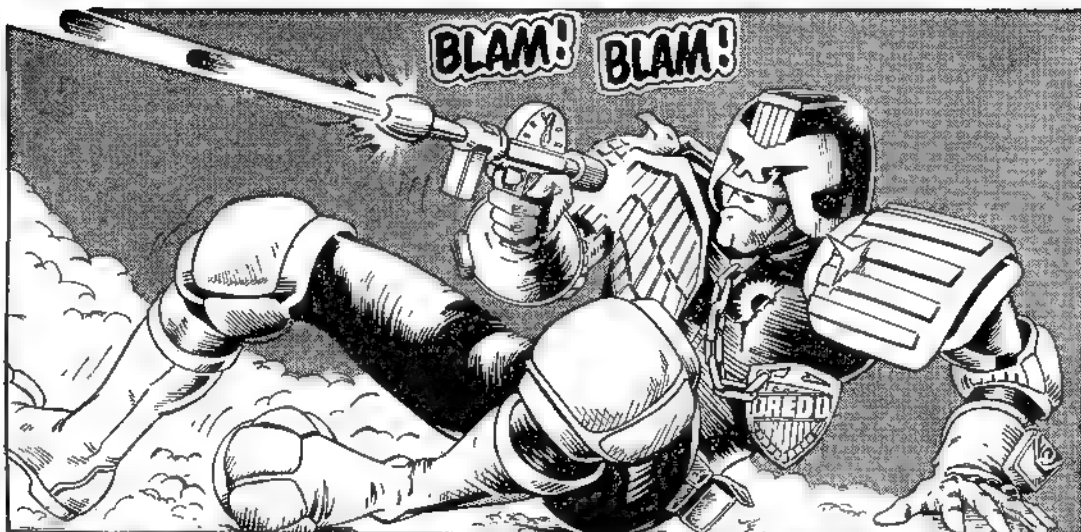
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JUDGE DREDD















HIS NAME'S STAN LEE - A.K.A. DEATHFIST. THEY RECKON HE'S THE BEST MARTIAL ARTIST EVER TO COME OUT OF THE RADLANDS OF JI.



HE MUST HAVE BEEN GOOD. NOT MANY MANAGE TO GIVE YOU A WORKING OVER!

YEAH. HE SURE DID A JOB!

I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR COMMENTS!



I ASSUME YOU GOT AN A.P.B. OUT ON HIM? LET ME KNOW WHEN HE'S FOUND. I WANT THIS GREEP -

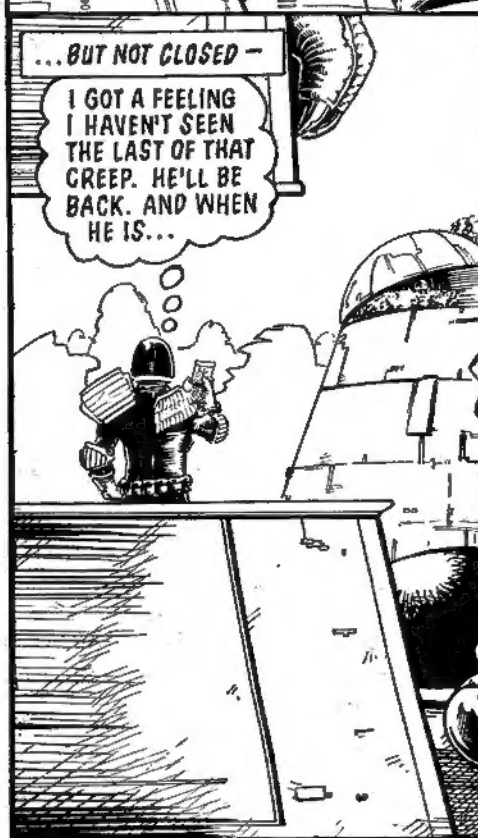
I WANT HIM BAD!

A WEEK PASSES, AND THERE IS NO FURTHER SIGN OF THE MYSTERIOUS STAN LEE.



JUDGES HAVE MORE IMPORTANT TASKS TO CONSIDER. IT IS ASSUMED THE ASSASSIN HAS LEFT THE CITY.

THE CASE IS PUT ON ICE...



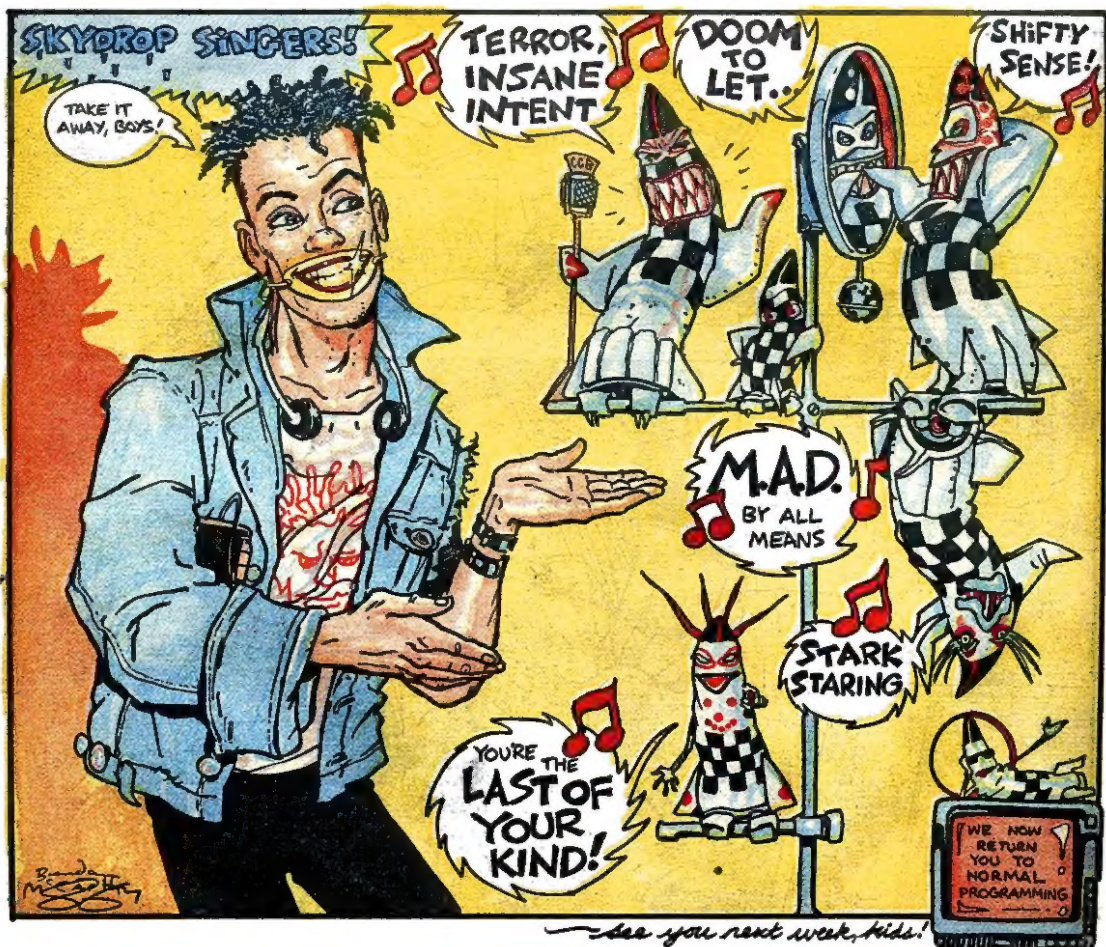
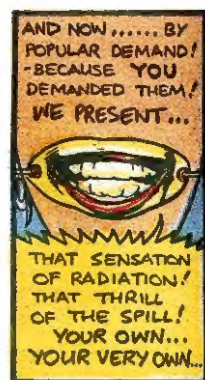
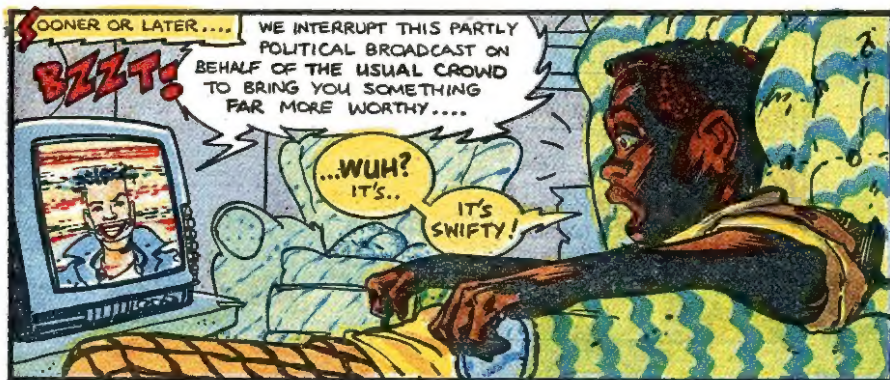
... BUT NOT CLOSED -

I GOT A FEELING I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THAT GREEP. HE'LL BE BACK. AND WHEN HE IS...



I'LL BE WAITING!

NEXT PROG. THE SECRET OF ATLANTIS!



See you next week, kids!